

Pappas Telecasting
Companies plan to
donate \$325,000 in
airtime to
Republican
candidates. This is
a misuse of the
public airwaves and
a flagrant flouting
of the requirement
that broadcasters
serve the public
interest.

Pappas Telecasting
should offer an
equal amount of free
airtime to opposing
Democratic
candidates before
the election.

If they refuse to
provide equal time
to the opposition
before the election,
then this incident
provides clear
evidence that the
FCC needs to
reinstate the
Fairness Doctrine.
If broadcasters do
not willingly
fulfill their
function of
providing unbiased
information to the
citizens, they must
be forced to do so;
otherwise, our
elections will
become meaningless.

This incident also
shows that when the
new media ownership
rules are written,
the FCC should
severely limit the
number of stations a
broadcaster may own,
and that the new
rules should
prohibit cross
ownership of
broadcast stations

and newspapers. One
biased media
corporation should
never be allowed to
dominate the
public's access to
information in any
region of the
country.

When Pappas
Telecasting's
license is up for
renewal, I ask that
you carefully
scrutinize the
Pappas' records and
actions instead of
automatically
renewing their
license.

Please take the
opinions of the
public into
consideration as you
write the new media
ownership rules.
Thank you.